ply has begun during the year 1990-91 under the rural electrification programme; and

(b) the target fixed in this regard for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) As per available information, during 1990-91, 33 inhabited villages have reportedly been electrified in Barabanki district of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) The Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board have fixed a target of electrification of 45 villages in Barabanki district during the current year.

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**Telecast of Serial "Publication of the Postal Stamp" and "Music Festival of Palakkad Mani Ayyar" on Doordarshan**

1682. SHRI PALA K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to telecast "Publication of the Postal Stamp" on Late Cartoonist Sankar and "Music festival of Palakkad Mani Ayyar" on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) the reason of delay in telecasting the said serials?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). No, Sir, However, the said functions ware covered in the hews telecast on 31.7.91 and 4.11.91 respectively. An item on the music festival also featured in the programme, 'Rajdhani Se' telecast on channel II from Delhi on 10.11.91.

**Thermal Power Plant at Nandikur**

1683. SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have cleared the project for setting up a Thermal Power Plant at Nandikur in Dakshina Kannada District of Karnataka;

(b) if so, when the project is likely to be completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not clearing the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The proposal for setting up of Mangalore Super Thermal Power Project (2 X 210 MW) at Nandikur in Karnataka by National Thermal Power Corporation require clearance from the Ministry of Environment & Forests from environmental/forest angle with specific reference to major issues like Fly Ash Utilisation, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Plan and Ash Disposal Plan.

**Electronic Exchanges in Kottayam District**

1684. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to install Electronic Rural Automatic Exchanges within Kottayam District in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.